

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Fricker, Chairman
Sallie Fahey, Secretary
Brook Hammond
Mark Albers
Lt. Jeanette Bennett
Dave Buck
Jim Knapp (for Betty Stansbury)
Marty Sennett
Capt. Rick Walker

JTRP
APC
INDOT Crawfordsville Division
Tippecanoe County Highway Director
Lafayette Police Department
West Lafayette City Engineer
Purdue Airport
CityBus
Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dana Smith

Lafayette-West Lafayette Chamber

ALSO PRESENT

Doug Poad
Brian Weber
Dan Auckley
Steve Hardesty
Joe Payne
WLFI

APC Staff
APC Staff
City of Lafayette
Hawkins Environmental
West Lafayette Parks Superintendent

Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Jim Knapp moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting. Marty Sennett seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Access Permits

Brook Hammond stated that there were no access permits. She asked if she should present the permit requests or should the developer to come in and present their request.

Sallie Fahey said that unless she notifies the developer or our office in time to put it on the agenda, there would be no way for them to know to be here to present.

Discussion of the Timing of INDOT Driveway Permits in Relation to Planned Development Approvals and No Vehicular Restrictions

Sallie Fahey explained that developers have come to the Area Plan Commission who express concerns that INDOT won't issue permits until they have a final plat, but our office does not want to issue final plat approval until we know the driveways are in an acceptable location.

Brook Hammond explained that INDOT does not look at the plat, but they look at the site plan that the petitioners provide. She added that if the petitioners make any changes, they would bring the amended site plan to INDOT.

Sallie Fahey clarified the case in which an attorney mentioned that INDOT would not issue permits until a Final Plat was recorded, so the Plan Commission eliminated the condition that required the developer to have approved driveways prior to Final Plan approval.

Brook Hammond stated that case was a special circumstance because the petitioner owned the entire property, and wanted to subdivide along the entire road, which INDOT tries to prevent. She mentioned that if the Area Plan Commission approved lot access onto State Road 43, then INDOT would grant the permits.

Sallie Fahey asked how INDOT would know that the property is single or multiple-ownership.

Brook Hammond answered that the petitioner is supposed to provide INDOT with the warranty deeds.

Sallie Fahey thought INDOT would want to see the final plat. She said that the bulk of the cases our staff has a problem with are the cases where the petitioner is subdividing.

Brook Hammond asked if the Area Plan Commission wanted individual lots to have driveway access on state roads.

Sallie Fahey answered that in some cases, yes. She said the Area Plan Commission wanted to condition approval on the petitioner receiving driveway permits before we gave final approval, but could not if INDOT would not issue driveway permits until final approval was received.

Brook Hammond said she has never encountered this problem before.

Sallie Fahey said the Area Plan Commission needs to have the ability to condition approval on receivership of driveway permits.

Brook Hammond said she would bring this issue up for discussion.

Mark Albers asked if INDOT requires a traffic analysis when issuing permits.

Brook Hammond said it depends on the size of the project.

Mark Albers asked if a large tract of land is being developed, does INDOT look at the total acreage.

Brook Hammond said we look at the whole project.

Sallie Fahey added that even if a subdivision did not have individual lot access off of a state highway, the internal road system that accessed a highway would be evaluated. She said the Area Plan Commission would still want to know if the streets were in a suitable location. She suggested requiring the petitioner to send INDOT the proposal; they could review it and let our staff know of any problems.

Brook Hammond said that the traffic department will not review any plans unless a permit has been applied for.

Sallie Fahey said the breakdown in the process is still when the Area Plan Commission conditions a final approval on the petitioner receiving driveway permits.

Rick Walker asked if the petitioner wants to do something out of the ordinary with their driveway access, should they come to this Committee at the conceptual stage.

Sallie Fahey responded affirmatively. She said it would address the problem of communication if we require the petitioner to come to this Committee to receive driveway permits before they get the final plat approved.

Rick Walker said the same issues arose with another project that had access on South River Road.

Sallie Fahey explained that the Area Plan Commission put the condition that the petitioner had to come before the Technical Transportation Committee for their driveway permit prior to preliminary approval. She said this discussion could be continued next month.

Brook Hammond said that her understanding of the driveway permit manual is that if someone owns all that property, we would prefer to see one access to an entire subdivision.

Sallie Fahey reiterated at the preliminary approval stage, the Area Plan Commission would like to add a condition to the primary approval that requires INDOT driveway approval or permits before final plat approval.

Brook Hammond agreed that adding the condition that the petitioner receives driveway approval from INDOT prior to final plat approval is feasible.

Transportation Enhancement Application

Joe Payne presented a map showing the revisions to the Transportation Enhancement Application. He said the next project is the extension of the Wabash Heritage Trail. He said this has been presented to the West Lafayette Traffic Commission and has been approved. He stated that estimates of the total project cost are around \$1.2 million dollars. He discussed the specifics of the project.

Sallie Fahey said the design of this project interferes with some of the bus shelters, so before the filing deadline at the end of the month; we will be meeting with representatives from CityBus and West Lafayette to work out all of the locations.

Marty Sennett said that the location of the trail intersects some of the densest ridership areas. He said if some of the shelters are removed it would encourage riders to use their cars for transportation, which is counterintuitive to the goal of CityBus.

FY 2005 TIP Amendment – CityBus

Marty Sennett presented information regarding the TIP Amendment. He said that CityBus has tried to pull together some discretionary funds to purchase four additional buses. He said that in the next year, CityBus would like to add six buses to their fleet. He added that the new buses will replace ones that have been in the fleet for over twenty years.

Marty Sennett moved to recommend approval of the FY 2005 TIP Amendment to allow CityBus to purchase additional buses. Mark Albers seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Study Progress

Doug Poad presented information regarding the Amendment to the Transportation Plan for 2025 and the Land Use Survey. He said the Land Use Survey is complete and the Amendment to the Purdue University Area Plan is nearly complete. He said through the Land Use Survey, 63,803 dwelling units were counted, just 269 dwelling units short of the census data and building and demolition permits. He said staff spent a considerable amount of time going through each census tract verifying the data.

Sallie Fahey added that the quality control of this study was great. She said there are no individual census tracts that are more than 4.8% off of the count in the field and the entire Land Use Survey has a margin of error less than 1%.

Doug Poad clarified that both occupied and vacant dwelling units were counted. He said staff compared data to the SF1 data and the H1 information and housing units as a measuring rod. He said the Area Plan Commission office keeps track of building permits every month. He stated the traffic data gathered for the highway performance monitoring system has already been submitted. He mentioned that there is not enough staff and resources to work on both the Transportation Improvement Program and the Transportation Plan for 2025. He said staff effort will be focused on the 2025 Transportation Plan.

Someone: asked if the 2006 projects will be added as an amendment to the current Transportation Improvement Program.

Doug Poad answered affirmatively.

Sallie Fahey said that staff has created a Transportation Improvement Program every year because we had the resources to do so.

Marty Sennett said that CityBus might have another amendment to the FY 05 TIP but is waiting for the reauthorization program to be completed by Congress.

Sallie Fahey said we would not want to add any amendments until the bill is passed because the funding amounts are still up in the air.

Doug Poad gave an update on State Road 43. He said according to the right-of-way acquisition office, there are still four properties under negotiation and it will still be a little while before that project gets under way. He said he has no estimated date of completion.

Other Business

Sallie Fahey reminded the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005.

Dave Buck moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Jeannette Bennett seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Sallie Dell Fahey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Dell Fahey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Secretary